

REMARKS

The courtesy of the interview granted applicants' attorney on June 21, 2005 is appreciated. At the interview the invention and the differences between it and the prior art were discussed and amendments were proposed to claim 1 to clarify the invention. The Examiner agreed to reconsider her rejection of the claims as set forth in the above Office Action in view of the amended claims.

Amended claim 1 of this invention now relates to a display device comprising at least one display cell sealed by one seal member in which an electro-optical converting member is held by two substrates, said electro-optical converting member having a defective area and normal area in the inside of the one seal member; another at least one display cell sealed by another seal member in which another electro-optical converting member is held by two substrates, and said another electro-optical converting member having a defective area and a normal area in the inside of the another seal member; these display cells being overlapped; wherein,

the electro-optical converting member of the display cell provided to an opposite side of an observer has a normal area which is wider than that of the normal area of the electro-optical converting member of the display cell provided to a side of the observer.

The significant feature of the display device set forth in amended claim 1, and what distinguishes it from Kizaki, is set forth in the wherein clause; namely that in the display device the normal area of the electro-optical converting member of the display cell provided to the side opposite from an observer is wider than the normal area of the electro-optical converting member of the display cell provided to the side of the observer. In other words and with reference to FIG. 1, normal area 20b1 of

electro-optical converting member 20b of display cell 11 is wider than the normal area 20a1 of electro-optical converting member 20a of display cell 1.

In the prior art as represented by FIG. 5, the normal areas 120b1 and 120a1 of the two display cells 111 and 101 are the same. This is the same as in the display device of Kizaki where in FIG. 1 the area inside of the seal 120 of display cell 102 is of the width as the area inside of the seal 110 of display cell 101.

In paragraph 3, the Examiner references FIG. 12 of Kizaki, but there also the areas within the seals of the two display cells 101 and 502 are of the same width. She also mentions specifically "item 112," but this is one of the two substrates of the display cell 101 and not a normal area inside a seal of either of the cells.

As discussed on page 12, line 23 to page 14, line 26 of the specification, with reference to the prior art configuration of FIG. 5 which is the same as Kizaki, there are problems in such a display device, namely the occurrence of undesirable and unfavorable color in the peripheral portion of the view field so that the quality of the image deteriorates. On the other hand, as explained on page 15, lines 26-35, the configuration of the display cells of the claimed display device solves these problems.

Thus it is submitted that the configuration of the display cells of the claimed display device is not a mere optimization of the size and shape of the cells, but solves a problem inherent in the prior art configuration of Kizaki. Applicant's invention, therefore, should not be considered obvious in view of Kizaki and its withdrawal as a ground of rejection of the claims is requested.

It is believed claims 1-8 and 10 are in condition for allowance.

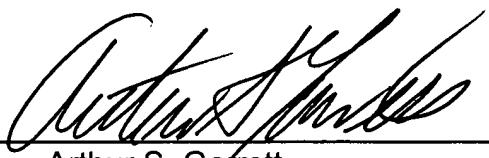
In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and reexamination of this application and the timely allowance of the pending claims.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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